

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 42

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A RESOLUTION to recognize James D. Bowman, on the occasion  
of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm, especially those who have worked assiduously in support of higher education in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, James D. Bowman is one such estimable person who has served with probity and integrity for more than thirty years with public institutions of higher learning throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowman has taken a much deserved retirement from his post as Vice President for Business and Finance at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowman has been an active and important force in his profession, participating in numerous organizations, including the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which he has served as a member of reaffirmation committees throughout the South; the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers, which he has served as a member of numerous committees, including the Executive Committee; the National Association of College and University Business Officers, for which he reviewed *College and University*

*Business Administration* for the 1981-1982 printing of the book; and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Mr. Bowman received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a minor in Economics from Bridgewater College in Virginia; he continued his studies at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, earning his Master of Business Administration degree in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowman received his professional certification as a Certified Public Accountant in Virginia in 1965; by reciprocity, he received the same certification in Tennessee in 1967; and

WHEREAS, after serving for one and one-half years with the Internal Revenue Service and three and one-half years in diversified public accounting, James D. Bowman accepted a position as Director of Income Tax Service with the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation; during his four-year tenure, Mr. Bowman developed and supervised an income tax preparation service for Farm Bureau members; and

WHEREAS, widely recognized for his leadership skills on campuses throughout the state, Mr. Bowman began his illustrious career with public institutions of higher education in 1970, when he was named Dean of Finance and Administration at Columbia State Community College; while there, he helped to develop and implement a universal automated financial records system that was subsequently adopted for the use of the entire Board of Regents System; and

WHEREAS, after serving Columbia State Community College with distinction for fourteen years, Mr. Bowman accepted a position as Vice President for Finance and Administration at Austin Peay State University, which he served diligently as CFO for ten years; and

WHEREAS, in September of 1994, Mr. Bowman was appointed Vice President for Business and Finance at East Tennessee State University, where he served with distinction until his well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowman's employees greatly appreciated the emphasis on teamwork that he brought to the Business and Finance Division, especially in its interactions with other departments at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, a true believer in the importance of community, Mr. Bowman worked with purpose to enhance the University's response to its community by making the Business and Finance Division more accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowman exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career at colleges and universities throughout the State of Tennessee, James D. Bowman has demonstrated a remarkable ability to achieve great things in fiscal administration and fiscal innovation, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his superiors, peers, and employees alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to James D. Bowman our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, as we pay tribute to his exemplary career as the Chief Fiscal Officer at several state colleges and universities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.